

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 11-26, 28-29, 36-39, 41, 43, 45, 47-62, 64-68 and 70-78 are pending in this application. Claims 17 and 53 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 1, 14, 18, 37, 50 and 54 have been amended by the present Amendment. Amended claims 1, 14, 18, 37, 50 and 54 do not introduce any new subject matter.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 24-26, 28, 29, 36, 60-62, 64-66, 70 and 73-78 have been allowed.

**REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 11, 12, 15, 19-23, 37-39, 41, 45, 47, 48, 51, 55-59, 67, 68, 71 and 72 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0067570 ("Okamoto") in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/0003596 ("Kim").

Reconsideration is also respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 8, 13, 14, 17, 18, 43, 49, 50, 53 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamoto in view of Kim, as applied to claims 1 and 37, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,295,109 ("Kubo").

Reconsideration is also respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 16 and 52 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamoto in view of Kim, as applied to claims 15 and 51, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0071944 ("Baek").

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references, when taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest a second insulating layer formed on the thin film

transistor, wherein the first electrode and the first insulating layer are formed on the second insulating layer, and the second electrode that is electrically connected to the first electrode along a periphery of a window formed in the first insulating layer, as recited in amended claims 1 and 37.

For example, a second insulating layer 140 is formed on the thin film transistor 120, wherein the first electrode 150 and the first insulating layer 160 are formed on the second insulating layer 140, and the second electrode 170 is electrically connected to the first electrode 150 along a periphery of a window 165 formed in the first insulating layer 160. See, e.g., Applicants' disclosure, Fig. 8.

The Examiner relies on Kubo as disclosing the "second insulating layer". See October 25, 2006 Office Action at 7. However, in contrast to the claimed embodiments, Kubo does not disclose the first electrode and the first insulating layer formed on the second insulating layer, and the second electrode electrically connected to the first electrode along a periphery of a window formed in the first insulating layer. See Kubo, Fig. 29A.

Further, the Examiner maintains in the statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter that a reason for allowance includes the limitation that the first electrode is provided on an insulating layer formed on the TFT, and that the second electrode contacts the first electrode along a periphery of a window formed in another insulating layer formed on the insulating layer formed on the TFT and the first electrode. See October 25, 2006 Office Action at 9.

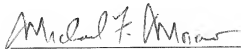
Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the cited references, when taken alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the recited features of claims 1 and 37,

and that it would not have been obvious to modify Okamoto in view of Kim, and further in view of Kubo or Baek, to develop same.

As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 37 are patentable over Okamoto in view of Kim, and further in view of Kubo or Baek. For at least the reason that claims 2-3, 5, 8, 11-16, 18-23 and 67-68 depend from claim 1, and claims 38-39, 41, 43, 45, 47-52, 54-59 and 71-72 depend from claim 37, claims 2-3, 5, 8, 11-16, 18-23, 38-39, 41, 43, 45, 47-52, 54-59, 67-68 and 71-72 are also submitted to be patentably distinct over the cited references, claims 17 and 53 having been canceled. As such, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-3, 5, 8, 11-23, 37-39, 41, 43, 45, 47-59, 67-68 and 71-72 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner telephone may Applicants' Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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